

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) released the following statement:

Iraq

"President Bush must go much farther in acknowledging that the U.S. mission in Iraq has not been the

"Insurgent attacks increased from approximately 26,000 in 2004 to over 34,000 in 2005. More than 2,2

"We certainly should not be 'staying the course.' Instead, the President needs to focus all of his efforts

Energy/Environment

"The high gas prices that squeezed the middle class during 2005 were a symptom of our failed energy

"Opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling will do nothing to secure our long term ene

"A wiser course would be to make major investments in developing renewable energy technologies and

Budget/Economy

"The President's fiscal policies will increase our national debt by more than \$300 billion in 2006. His ac

"The President claims that workers' income has risen, when in fact the earnings of average Americans

Ethics/Corruption

"Cronyism and a lack of accountability pervade the President's administration, and Congress is offering

Health Care

"Association health plans and health savings accounts, the President's answers to our national health c

"The recent implementation of Medicare Part D, the prescription drug system, gives little confidence in

Investment in our future

"To succeed in the global economy of the future, we clearly need to strategically invest more in educati

Homeland Security

"The President claims the homeland security is a high priority, but the 9/11 Commission's recently relea

"The administration's response to Hurricane Katrina proved that, four years after September 11, 2001,

"Rather than administering an illegal program of domestic spying, the President should focus on securi